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Dear Secretary Bull:

Pursuant to Section 1 of the State Harness Racing Law, Act of December 22, 1959, P.L. 1978, as amended, the State Harness Racing Commission submits its 1969 Report.

This report covers the seventh calendar year of pari-mutuel harness racing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully yours,

STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

Edward R. Gilkey

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Deputy Commissioner and
Executive Secretary

1969 in Review

The 1969 season, the seventh season of pari-mutuel racing in Pennsylvania, produced a record revenue of \$11,775,762 for the Commonwealth and the Philadelphia School District.

Total wagering at the three tracks---Liberty Bell, The Meadows and Pocono Downs---amounted to \$151,071,897, an all-time high.

Attendance totaled 2,062,747 compared to 1,762,791 during the 1968 season.

Another harness racing meet was made available to sports fans during 1969 when The Meadows was leased to Mountain Laurel Racing, Inc.

The new meet attracted 211,121 and a total handle of \$12,424,072 from August 10 through November 1.

Washington Trotting Association, which also utilizes The Meadows facilities, showed a substantial improvement in both the mutuel handle and attendance.

At Pocono Downs, two Hanover-bred horses furnished some of the excitement. Laverne Hanover set a track record of 1:56 3/5. Trojan Hanover played an important role in an exacta worth \$2,826.

Liberty Bell, home of the Liberty Bell and William Penn meets, was the scene of numerous highlights including a record total handle of \$103,069,747, attendance of 1,353,476, twenty sub two-minute miles and 23 million dollar nights.

The average nightly handle at Liberty Bell for the two meetings was \$831,208 while the average attendance was 10,915.

Scouts Enjoy Family Day





Liberty Bell

"Liberty Bell closed its finest harness racing season, registering the most dramatic increases in wagering and attendance since the track opened in 1963.

"The season also produced the most competitive events in our seven-year history, the nation's greatest horses and a flock of sub two-minute miles.



Draw for \$100,000 Colonial

"In our opinion, this banner year reflects the diligent supervisory control and the constant search for excellence in all departments by our officials."

These words were used by Edward J. Dougherty, president of Liberty Bell Racing Association, and John J. Rooney, president of the William Penn Racing Association, to describe the 1969 harness racing season at Liberty Bell track, Philadelphia.

In the split meeting---74 nights of racing in the spring season by Liberty Bell and 50 nights in the fall season by William Penn---there were these highlights:

A record total handle of \$103,069,747 which was 13.3 percent increase over 1968. The average nightly handle was \$831,208.

Total attendance was 1,353,476, a 9.7 percent increase. The average nightly attendance was 10,915.

Flag Presentation Prior to Colonial



Herve Fillion won the spring and fall driving titles for most wins, 68 in the spring and 57 in the fall. He also won five races in one night, a feat matched by only two other drivers.

There were 20 sub two-minute miles. Two world records (Miss Conna Adios, 1:57.4 and Truluck 1:58.2) were set.

A record one-night handle of \$1,407,664 was established in the spring meet. It was one of a record 23 million-dollar nights during the entire meeting.

The top crowd of the year, 19,144 on April 12, saw Rum Customer win in 1:58.3, the first of the 20 mile races under two minutes. Adaptor, Stanley Dancer's Australian import, made his American debut in this race and finished fifth. However, Adaptor came back to win the James E. Clark Memorial Pace, beating among others, Miss Connie Adios.

Nine nights after the Big E went into effect, a lucky patron collected \$55,502 for correctly selecting the first two finishers in the eighth and ninth races. Other big payoffs amounted to \$40,000 and \$37,000.

Overcall, harness racing's only unbeaten horse, made a memorable appearance at Liberty Bell Oct. 4 when he stormed from sixth place to win the \$25,000 Governor David L. Lawrence Invitational.

The six-year-old Overcall several weeks later became horse of the year by defeating Laverne Hanover, Little Brown Jug champion and winner of 12 in a row. The meeting, a five-horse race in which Laverne Hanover finished third, was aptly named The Kingmaker.

An appreciative audience of 18,230, tops for the fall, saw Lindy's Pride win the second \$100,000 Colonial.

An innovation at the 1969 season was the Sire Stakes for harness racers bred in Pennsylvania. Truluck, a two-year-old pacer, won two Sires Stakes, one in 1:58.2 and the other in 1:58.4.



Pocono Downs

Two Hanover-bred horses--- Laverne Hanover and Trojan Hanover--furnished some of the highlights at Pocono Downs during the 1969 racing season.

Laverne Hanover did his bit by knocking more than two seconds off the track record as he won the \$24,896 Hanover-Hempt Stakes on July 5 in 1:56 3/5.

Trojan Hanover, in winning the Hanover-Hempt Stake for two-year-old pacers, paid \$232.60, \$76.80 and \$12.40 and triggered an exacta worth \$2,826.

Driver Boyd and his "babies"





Fastest competitive mile



Clubhouse runners



Chair brigade forming

When Kat Byrd, driven by Levi Harner, zipped off fancy fractions of 29 $\frac{3}{5}$, 59 and 1:27 $\frac{4}{5}$, Laverne Hanover had his work cut out for him. The son of Tar Heel was equal to the occasion. Superbly handled by Billy Haughton, the brown charger thrilled more than 10,000 fans with his tremendous stretch rush to lower the old Pocono track mark of 1:58 $\frac{4}{5}$ (shared by Clay and Deputy Hanover) by two and one-fifth seconds.

The best clocking by a trotter during the 1969 Pocono campaign was Smokey Morn's 2:02 $\frac{2}{5}$ time in the Hanover-Hempton Stakes for three-year-olds. The Hickory Smoke son was skippered by Ned Bower.

Popular reinsman, Tom Crank, who has been either dash or UDR (Universal Driver Rating) champion at Pocono for several years running, captured both titles for '69.

The track's total handle for the 62-night meeting was \$18,483,748, which averages out to just under \$300,000 per night. The nightly attendance average was 6,039.



The Meadows

When harness racing in western Pennsylvania came to an end the first of November, officials at The Meadows expressed satisfaction with the 10.6 percent increase in attendance and the 16.8 percent boost in handle over 1968 for the Washington Trotting Association meeting and the 3,423 average attendance and \$203,684 average handle posted during the Mountain Laurel Racing meet.

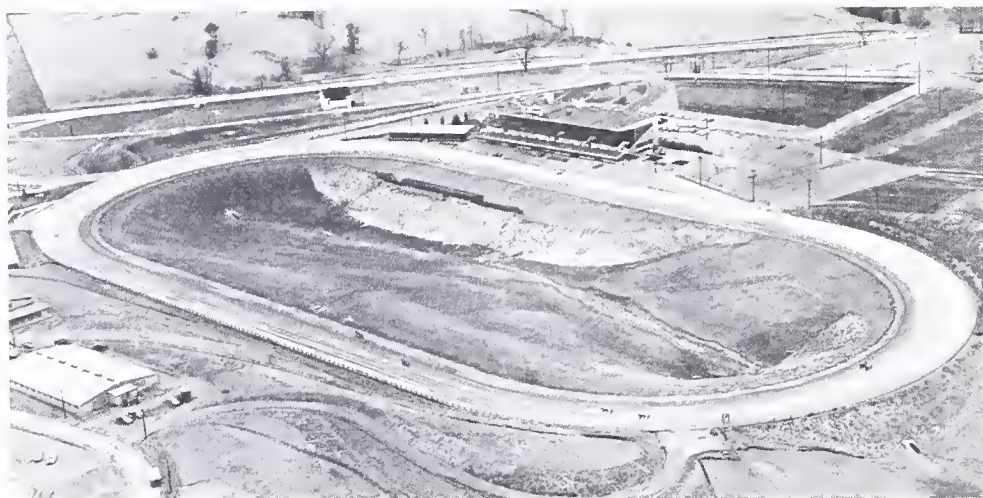
WTA reported net income of \$140,782 for the year which ended September 30, 1969. This compared with a net loss of \$34,679 for the year 1968. Delvin Miller, president of WTA, said the substantial improvement in operating results was due to the increase in the mutuel handle in 1969 of \$2,400,000 and an increase in attendance of 31,000.

Track facilities were leased to Mountain Laurel Racing, Inc., for a 61-day harness racing meet which began August 10 and concluded November 1.

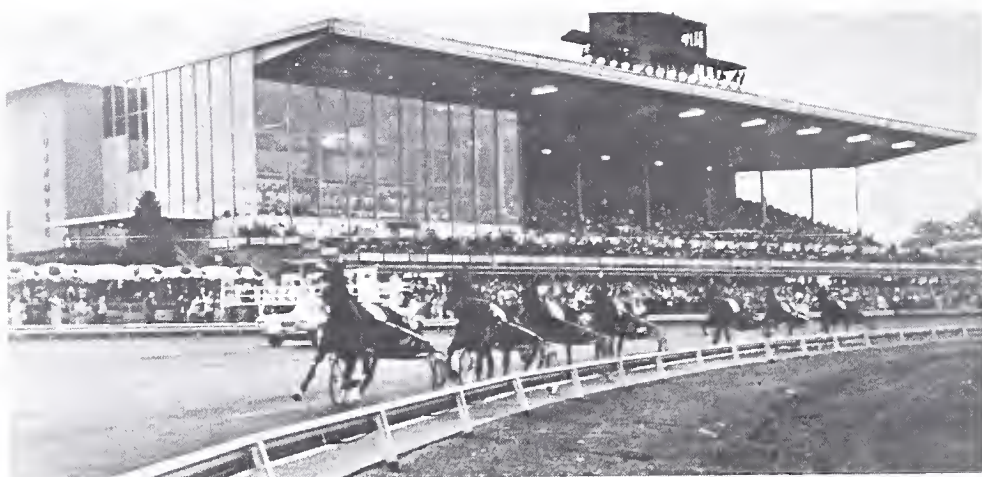
Not only was the WTA meeting a financial success, but an artistic success as well. A revitalized racing program instituted the rich Pennsylvania Sire Stakes, the Bye Bye Byrd Pacing Series and the Express Rodney Trotting Series



Action at The Meadows



The Meadows



Action at The Meadows



About to go.

as well as the usual Arden Downs Grand Circuit Stakes and the \$88,970 Adios.

The new racing format, with the track dark on Mondays, assured fans a major stakes event each week.

The racing program assured a constant flow of champions climaxed by one of the most dramatic Adios finishes in the young history of the rich race.

After Kat Byrd won the first dash, Laverne Hanover resumed his winning ways in the second dash and scored a nose finish in a tight photo as these two great colts battled head-and-head to the wire in the finale.

Lindy's Pride, winner of trotting's Big Five races, began his illustrious three-year-old campaign at The Meadows, winning a division of the Arden Downs three-year-old colt trot.

Granted a license only five days before the WTA meeting closed, Mountain Laurel Racing launched its inaugural meeting the second week of August beset by an absence of stakes and an unseasonable cold September.

Four late-closing series were implemented in the middle of the season. The quality of the racing throughout the meeting was excellent and the competitiveness of the late-closing series generated enthusiasm during the waning weeks of the meet.

The Stenographer Series for two-year-old trotters was won by Fischer Hanover, the Betty G. Series for two-year-old pacers by Shadydale Timbre, the Harlan Dean Series for three- and four-year-old trotters by Richey, and the Adios Betty Series for three- and four-year-old pacers by John T. Ace.

During the 61 nights of racing, the Mountain Laurel Racing meet attracted an attendance total of 208,833 and a total handle of \$12,424,072, considered by Mountain Laurel President Max Hempt and most other officials as excellent for a first venture.

Commission Functions

The Commission maintains offices at each of the licensed pari-mutuel tracks. The principal duties consist of photographing and fingerprinting new applicants for licenses, and conducting interviews and investigations to determine that Commission-approved programs are being satisfactorily carried out by the Associations.

The Commission was one of the first in the nation to require "Breathalyzer" tests for all officials directly engaged in the operation of the tracks, for all drivers scheduled to race, and for other persons specified by the presiding judge. Individuals are not permitted to continue their duties if the level of alcohol in their blood exceeds .05 percent.

SALIVA, URINE TEST CONDUCTED

	LIBERTY BELL	WILLIAM PENN	MEADOWS	POCONOS	MTN. LAUREL	TOTAL
SALIVA,	607	612	633	614	610	3076
URINE,	552	559	566	543	549	2769
1969 TOTALS. . .	1159	1171	1199	1157	1159	5845
1968 TOTALS. . .	1201	1148	1180	1143		4672
1967 TOTALS. . .	1148	1154	1214	1192		4708
1966 TOTALS. . .	1106	1101	1075	1074		4356
1965 TOTALS. . .	1006	1081	1096	868		4105
1964 TOTALS. . .	867	860	872			2599
1963 TOTALS. . .	878	889	880			2647

BREATHALYZER TESTS CONDUCTED

	1969	1968	1967	1966
Liberty Bell Racing Association. . .	3979	4145	3052	2758
William Penn Racing Association. . .	4460	2952	3141	3491
Washington Trotting Association. . .	4264	3663	4238	2302
Pocono Downs, Inc.	3708	4753	2585	2479
Mountain Laurel.	4104			
TOTALS	20,515	15,513	13,016	11,030

The Commission employs a veterinarian who is responsible for checking each horse prior to the race to determine that it is fit and can complete in a manner indicated by its past performances.

The Commission veterinarian also is responsible for obtaining, for chemical analysis, saliva and urine samples of all winning horses and other horses designated by the presiding judge. Additional horses from which samples are to be obtained are not designated by the presiding judge until the conclusion of a race. This surprise element is an important phase of track security.

Each of the five licensed Associations is required to maintain a security force of its own. Security programs of the Associations must be approved by the Commission, and

COMMISSION TRACK OFFICE ACTIVITIES

MEETS	Temporary Licenses	Permanent Licenses	Persons Fingerprinted	Photographs Taken	Security Interviews & Investigations
Liberty Bell.	279	253	268	528	95
William Penn.	857	2199	800	2357	124
Meadows.	680	968	672	1500	193
Pocono Downs.	679	953	657	1626	200
Mountain Laurel.	331	143	325	500	155
1969 TOTALS. . .	2826	4516	2722	6511	767
1968 TOTALS. . .	2369	4002	2270	5637	539
1967 TOTALS. . .	3563		2369	5510	824
1966 TOTALS. . .	4903		2353	2553	1075
1965 TOTALS. . .	5879		3268	3266	1205
1964 TOTALS. . .	3453		2194		355
1963 TOTALS. . .	2698		3190		235

must provide security for the entire track property as well as protection of participants and the public. The extent of these activities is indicated on the above chart.

In the seven years since pari-mutuel harness racing was introduced in Pennsylvania, the sport has grown into a thriving and fascinating industry, and has furnished substantial revenue to the Commonwealth.

Continued success of this sport depends on continued public confidence in its integrity. In order to maintain this confidence, the State Harness Racing Commission has taken every possible precaution to prevent undesirable persons from participating in the sport.

All employees of licensed Associations and their concessionaires must be licensed by the Commission. So, too, must every horsemen -- including owners, drivers, trainers and grooms.

Applicants seeking a license for the first time, are required to furnish detailed information about themselves,

LICENSES 1969

TYPE OF LICENSE	APPLICANTS LICENSED	SUPPLE- MENTAL	APPLICANTS UNLICENSED	LICENSED REFUSED	LICENSES REVOKED	LICENSES SUSPENDED
HORSEMEN						
OWNERS	4,177		22		2	5
DRIVERS	346	578	1			
TRAINERS	118	1,050				
VETERINARIANS	18					
VETERINARIAN ASS'T.	8					
GROOMS	1,802	201	35	8	5	1
BLACKSMITHS	26	2				
OTHERS	28	2				
ASSOCIATION						
OFFICERS & OFFICIALS	103	13				
OFFICE STAFF	135					
SECURITY	197		2		1	3
PARI-MUTUEL	945		3		2	1
ADMISSIONS	91					
PARKING	105					
USHERS	46					
ASS'N. MAINTENANCE	177			2		
CONCESSIONS						
STEVENS	737		12	11	3	1
SPORTSERVICE	215		1	1		
BLDG. MAINTENANCE	59		8	2		
TOTALIZATOR	14					
SALESMEN & VENDORS	169		1		1	
MISCELLANEOUS	54	2				
COMMISSION EMPLOYES	83		1			
TOTAL	9,653	1,848	86	24	14	11

NUMBER OF PERSONS EJECTED FROM TRACKS

CAUSES	LIBERTY BELL	WILLIAM PENN	MEADOWS	MTN LAUREL	POCONO	TOTALS
Touting.	40	19	7	4	8	78
Bookmaking.	3	3	2			8
Undesirable.	19	12	4	3	3	41
Disorderly.	3	1	3			7
Passing altered mutuel tickets.	3				1	4
TOTALS	68	35	16	7	12	138

with fingerprints and photographs. Renewal applications must include up-dated information.

These screening procedures are designed to eliminate persons of unsuitable background and character from any participation with harness racing. Through this program, undesirables are detected and refused licenses.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Pennsylvania State Police, and local police departments have helped maintain the high standards that are essential if this sport is to continue on a high level.

Commission Jurisdictions

The Pennsylvania State Harness Racing Commission has general jurisdiction over all pari-mutuel activities for harness racing in the State and over the corporation, associations and persons engaged therein. Such general jurisdiction includes the following powers and duties:

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| First | Enforcement of rules and regulations pertaining to security and protection of horses, horsemen and the wagering public at associations licensed by the Commission to assure honest competitive harness racing. |
| Second | Removal of undesirable persons and interests which may be detrimental to the sport and to pari-mutuel harness racing. |
| Third | Supervision of all administrative phases of the activity. |
| Fourth | Licensing of all persons who participate in harness racing so as to assure the elimination of undesirable persons from participation in the sport or in any activity connected therewith. |
| Fifth | Supervision of all building programs and auditing of the books and records of licensed associations and concessionaires. |
| Sixth | Promulgation and enforcement of all rules and regulations necessary and desirable in connection with supervision of harness racing. |
| Seventh | Investigation of all shareholders and maintenance of a complete stock docket of all voting and non-voting holders of stock issued by associations licensed by the Commission. |
| Eighth | Enforcement of rules and regulations pertaining to the elimination of undesirable persons as stockholders. |

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Commission continuously reviews all rules and regulations and makes such changes as are deemed in the best interest of racing. In 1968 the Commission made nine rule changes. As noted in the prior report, the Commission promulgated two completely new rule books, one covering the rules of racing and the other, the administrative rules governing the association, stockholders, licensees other than participants in racing, and all other matters which are the subject of Commission jurisdiction not pertaining to rules of racing themselves.

Dividing the rules into two books has established Pennsylvania as the first state to arrange rules in this form so that all the racing rules are readily available to the horsemen in one volume, while rules pertaining to the associations and others who are not direct participants in racing activity themselves are available in a separate volume.

The only rule change which had to be adopted in 1969 was the rule governing Big E wagering.

LITIGATION

The number of licenses revoked and suspended totaled 27.

From Commission action in refusing licenses, revocation of licenses and imposition of fines, seven appeals were taken and as a result of the appeal hearings the original penalties were upheld. This marks the seventh consecutive year during the seven years of harness racing in Pennsylvania in which there have been no appeals from Commission action in connection with refusal and revocation of licenses and impositions of fines.

Statistics 1969 Season

	LIBERTY BELL	WILLIAM PENN	THE MEADOWS	POCONO DOWNS	MTN. LAUREL
Attendance.	623,807	580,875	333,989	312,955	211,121
Mutuel Pools - Total Handle. . .	\$54,944,171	\$48,125,576	\$17,094,330	\$18,483,748	\$12,424,072
Number of Racing Days.	62	62	62	62	61
Percentage of "Take-Out" - (Commission and Breakage). . . .	17.92 %	17.96 %	17.92 %	18.04 %	17.84 %
Percentage of Mutuel Pools Returned to Public.	82.08 %	82.04 %	82.08 %	81.96 %	82.16 %
Average Daily Attendance.	10,061	9,369	5,387	5,048	3,461
Average Daily Handle.	\$ 886,196	\$ 776,219	\$ 275,715	\$ 298,125	\$ 203,673
Average Daily Per Capita Wager .	\$ 88.08	\$ 82.85	\$ 51.18	\$ 59.06	\$ 85.85
Amount in \$50.00 Wagers.	\$ 8,494,850	\$ 7,164,600	\$ 921,650	\$ 1,253,250	\$ 629,000
Amount in \$10.00 Wagers.	\$10,502,470	\$ 9,776,480	\$ 2,646,990	\$ 4,175,650	\$ 1,845,480
Amount in \$ 5.00 Wagers (Includes \$5.00 Combinations). .	\$ 5,866,635	\$ 5,417,970	\$ 1,820,900	\$ 1,458,710	\$ 1,251,260
Amount in \$2.00 Wagers (Includes \$2.00 Combinations). .	\$ 9,342,210	\$ 8,719,052	\$ 4,285,326	\$ 3,823,630	\$ 3,068,624
Amount in Daily Double Wagers .	\$ 5,133,838	\$ 4,463,926	\$ 1,983,220	\$ 2,055,400	\$ 1,433,260
Amount in Exacta Wagers.	\$15,604,168	\$12,583,548	\$ 5,436,244	\$ 5,717,108	\$ 4,196,448

1969 TABLE OF INCOME

	WAGERING	BREAKAGE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL
Liberty Bell	\$2,747,208.55	\$255,351.22	\$ 43,482.08	\$3,046,041.85
William Penn	2,406,278.80	232,541.75	40,961.21	2,679,781.76
Pocono Downs	924,187.40	95,642.78	11,722.79	1,031,552.97
Meadows	854,716.50	78,196.97	19,360.58	952,274.05
Mountain Laurel	621,203.60	51,728.94	10,126.04	683,058.58
TOTALS	\$7,553,594.85	\$713,461.66	\$125,652.70	\$8,392,709.21
License Fees.				35,075.28
Uncashed Tickets.				90,000.00
Estimate of revenue from investments.				236,389.89
Fines.				150.00
Sub-total.				\$8,754,324.38
Revenue received from total wagering from Liberty Bell and William Penn Meets for Philadelphia School District (2% of Total Wagering).				\$2,061,394.94
Revenue received from total wagering from Pocono Downs to be paid to Department of Commerce for distribution under Act #552.				369,674.96
Revenue received from total wagering from the Meadows to be paid to the Department of Commerce for distribution under Act #552.				341,886.60
Revenue received from total wagering from Mountain Laurel to be paid to the Department of Commerce for distribution under Act #552.				248,481.44
TOTAL.				\$11,775,762.32

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF MONEYS WAGERED BY TRACKS
FOR THE YEAR 1969

	LIBERTY BELL	WILLIAM PENN	THE MEADDWS	POCDNO OWNNS	MTN. LAUREL
Total Handle.	\$54,944,171	\$48,125,576	\$17,094,330	\$18,483,748	\$12,424,072
Win Pools.	44.09 %	45.48 %	35.89 %	37.45 %	34.67 %
Place Pools.	14.30 %	14.81 %	14.78 %	15.01 %	14.44 %
Show Pools.	3.87 %	4.29 %	5.93 %	5.49 %	5.58 %
Daily Double Pools.	9.34 %	9.27 %	11.60 %	11.12 %	11.53 %
Twin Double Pools.	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Exacta Pools.	17.24 %	20.05 %	18.17 %	18.86 %	19.06 %
Big Exacta Pools.	11.16 %	6.10 %**	13.63 %	12.07 %	14.72 %
\$50.00 Wagers.	24.84 %	23.05 %	9.53 %	11.70 %	9.26 %
\$10.00 Wagers.	30.70 %	31.46 %	27.36 %	38.98 %	27.16 %
\$ 5.00 Wagers (Includes \$5.00 Combination).	17.15 %	17.43 %	18.82 %	13.62 %	18.42 %
\$ 2.00 Wagers (Includes \$2.00 Combination).	27.31 %	28.06 %	44.29 %	35.70 %	45.16 %

** Big E used for 36 racing days at William Penn

TOTAL OF ALL MONEYS WAGERED AT PENNSYLVANIA TRACKS
WITH A BREAKDOWN, PERCENTAGE-WISE, AS TO TYPE OF BETS - 1969

	LIBERTY BELL	WILLIAM PENN	THE MEADDWS	POCONO DDWNS	MTN. LAUREL	ALL TRACKS
Total Handle.	\$54,944,171.00	\$48,125,576.00	\$17,094,330.00	\$18,483,748.00	\$12,424,072.00	\$151,071,897.00
Win Pools.	44.09 %	45.48 %	35.89 %	37.45 %	34.67 %	42.02 %
Place Pools.	14.30 %	14.81 %	14.78 %	15.01 %	14.44 %	14.61 %
Show Pools.	3.87 %	4.29 %	5.93 %	5.49 %	5.58 %	4.57 %
Daily Double Pools	9.34 %	9.27 %	11.60 %	11.12 %	11.53 %	9.98 %
Exacta Pools.	28.40 %	26.15 %	31.80 %	30.93 %	33.78 %	28.82 %

TYPE OF PARI-MUTUEL TICKETS PURCHASED - 1969

	LIBERTY BELL	WILLIAM PENN	THE MEADDWS	POCDNO OWNNS	MTN. LAUREL	ALL TRACKS
\$50.00 Wagers.	24.84 %	23.05 %	9.53 %	11.70 %	9.26 %	19.97 %
\$10.00 Wagers.	30.70 %	31.46 %	27.36 %	38.98 %	27.16 %	31.31 %
\$ 5.00 Wagers (includes. \$5.00 Combinations).. . . .	17.15 %	17.43 %	18.82 %	13.62 %	18.42 %	17.10 %
\$ 2.00 Wagers (includes. \$2.00 Combinations).. . . .	27.31 %	28.06 %	44.29 %	35.70 %	45.16 %	31.62 %

PERCENTAGES OF BREAKAGE TAX BASED ON THE TOTAL HANDLES - 1969

	LIBERTY BELL	WILLIAM PENN	THE MEADOWS	PDCONO DOWNS	MTN. LAUREL	ALL TRACKS
Total Handle.	\$54,944,171.00	\$48,125,576.00	\$17,094,330.00	\$18,483,748.00	\$12,424,072.00	\$151,071,897.00
Breakage Tax.	255,351.22	232,541.75	78,196.97	95,642.78	51,728.94	713,461.66
Percentage of Breakage Tax on Total Handle.. . . .	0.46 %	0.48 %	0.46 %	0.52 %	0.42 %	0.47 %

RACING DAY ON WHICH ASSOCIATION REACHED 50% OF TOTAL HANDLE

LIBERTY BELL	WILLIAM PENN	THE MEADDWS	PDCOND DDWNS	MOUNTAIN LAUREL
28th	32nd	34th	34th	27th

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULED OF MONEYS
WAGERED BY TRACKS 1966 Thru 1969

LIBERTY BELL	1966	1967	1968	1969
Total Handle.....	\$44,406,378	\$40,950,450	\$46,556,579	\$54,944,171
Win Pools	54.7 %	48.7 %	46.7 %	44.09 %
Place Pools	19.6 %	17.2 %	15.8 %	14.30 %
Show Pools	7.1 %	5.2 %	4.8 %	3.87 %
Daily Double Pools	9.6 %	9.7 %	9.0 %	9.34 %
Twin Double Pools	9.0 %	0	0	0
Exacta Pools	0	19.2 %	23.7 %	28.40 %
\$50.00 Wagers	19.8 %	21.1 %	24.7 %	24.84 %
\$10.00 Wagers	28.0 %	31.1 %	30.6 %	30.70 %
\$ 5.00 Wagers (Includes \$5 Combination)	21.7 %	20.0 %	17.3 %	17.15 %
\$ 2.00 Wagers (Includes \$2 Combination)	30.5 %	27.8 %	27.4 %	27.31 %
WILLIAM PENN				
Total Handle.....	\$41,366,136	\$42,692,850	\$44,550,425	\$48,125,576
Win Pools	53.0 %	52.0 %	44.9 %	45.48 %
Place Pools	19.6 %	18.3 %	15.1 %	14.81 %
Show Pools	6.6 %	5.9 %	4.6 %	4.29 %
Daily Double Pools	9.5 %	9.5 %	9.3 %	9.27 %
Twin Double Pools	11.3 %	0	0	0
Exacta Pools	0	14.3 %	21.1 %	26.15 %
\$50.00 Wagers	18.8 %	20.4 %	24.9 %	23.05 %
\$10.00 Wagers	27.9 %	31.1 %	30.2 %	31.46 %
\$ 5.00 Wagers (Includes \$5 Combination)	22.3 %	20.6 %	17.5 %	17.43 %
\$ 2.00 Wagers (Includes \$2 Combination)	31.0 %	27.9 %	27.4 %	28.06 %
THE MEADOWS				
Total Handle	\$15,165,823	\$14,079,619	\$14,633,264	\$17,094,330
Win Pools	40.6 %	38.6 %	33.9 %	35.89 %
Place Pools	19.1 %	16.9 %	14.0 %	14.78 %
Show Pools	11.3 %	7.9 %	6.0 %	5.93 %
Daily Double Pools	12.4 %	12.8 %	11.7 %	11.60 %
Twin Double Pools	8.5 %	0	0	0
Perfecta Pools	8.1 %	23.8 %	34.4 %	31.80 %
\$50.00 Wagers	6.9 %	10.9 %	11.1 %	9.53 %
\$10.00 Wagers	31.6 %	26.4 %	27.4 %	27.36 %
\$ 5.00 Wagers (Includes \$5 Combination)	14.3 %	17.5 %	18.2 %	18.82 %
\$ 2.00 Wagers (Includes \$2 Combination)	47.2 %	45.2 %	43.3 %	44.29 %
POCONO DOWNS				
Total Handle	\$21,032,664	\$20,211,976	\$20,997,398	\$18,483,748
Win Pools	43.5 %	38.6 %	34.3 %	37.45 %
Place Pools	20.7 %	17.5 %	14.0 %	15.01 %
Show Pools	11.4 %	8.7 %	5.1 %	5.49 %
Daily Double Pools	13.2 %	12.9 %	12.0 %	11.12 %
Twin Double Pools	11.2 %	0	0	0
Perfecta Pools	0	22.3 %	34.6 %	30.93 %
\$50.00 Wagers	10.0 %	10.8 %	11.0 %	11.70 %
\$10.00 Wagers	31.1 %	33.2 %	37.4 %	38.98 %
\$ 5.00 Wagers (Includes \$5 Combination)	13.9 %	14.4 %	13.7 %	13.62 %
\$ 2.00 Wagers (Includes \$2 Combination)	45.0 %	41.6 %	37.9 %	35.70 %
MOUNTAIN LAUREL				
Total Handle	0	0	0	\$12,424,072
Win Pools	0	0	0	34.67 %
Place Pools	0	0	0	14.44 %
Show Pools	0	0	0	5.58 %
Daily Double Pools	0	0	0	11.53 %
Twin Double Pools	0	0	0	0
Perfecta Pools	0	0	0	33.78 %
\$50.00 Wagers	0	0	0	9.26 %
\$10.00 Wagers	0	0	0	27.16 %
\$ 5.00 Wagers (Includes \$5 Combination)	0	0	0	18.42 %
\$ 2.00 Wagers (Includes \$2 Combination)	0	0	0	45.16 %

HIGH MARKS OF 1969-1968-1967-1966

1969- ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE 1969

TRACK	DAILY ATTENDANCE		DAILY HANDLE		RACE HANDLE	
	NUMBER	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE
Liberty Bell.	17,944	4-12-69	\$1,407,664	4-5-69	\$144,811	4-5-69
William Penn.	17,030	9-13-69	1,197,593	3-22-69	122,595	3-22-69
The Meadows.	8,742	8-2-69	430,014	8-9-69	38,524	8-2-69
Pocono Downs.	10,984	8-7-69	543,600	8-7-69	51,938	8-7-69
Mountain Laurel.	6,271	8-23-69	337,358	8-23-69	29,798	8-23-69

1968- ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE 1968

TRACK	DAILY ATTENDANCE		DAILY HANDLE		RACE HANDLE	
	NUMBER	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE
Liberty Bell.	17,176	3-30-68	\$1,291,209	3-9-68	\$138,627	3-9-68
The Meadows.	9,351	8-10-68	529,266	8-10-68	35,008	8-3-68
William Penn.	15,186	4-13-68	1,269,773	4-13-68	134,399	4-13-68
Pocono Downs.	12,392	9-4-68	596,570	9-7-68	51,255	9-7-68

1967- ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE 1967

TRACK	DAILY ATTENDANCE		DAILY HANDLE		RACE HANDLE	
	NUMBER	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE
Liberty Bell.	15,499	4-15-67	\$1,092,140	4-15-67	\$124,334	4-20-67
The Meadows.	8,478	6-2-67	341,520	8-5-67	39,158	6-2-67
William Penn.	21,789	3-4-67	1,205,056	4-8-67	143,771	4-30-67
Pocono Downs.	17,533	9-2-67	655,274	9-4-67	58,411	9-4-67

1966- ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE 1966

TRACK	DAILY ATTENDANCE		DAILY HANDLE		RACE HANDLE	
	NUMBER	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE
Liberty Bell.	18,180	3-19-66	\$1,194,318	4-9-66	\$195,228	9-24-66
The Meadows.	10,416	8-13-66	407,697	8-13-66	52,797	8-10-66
William Penn.	16,176	6-11-66	1,023,401	10-22-66	114,923	6-11-66
Pocono Downs.	13,930	9-10-66	601,900	9-10-66	58,378	9-10-66

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TRACK	HANDLE	DATE	PAY-OFF	DATE
Liberty Bell.	\$119,060	4-12-69	\$ 757.40	4-1-69
William Penn.	100,178	3-22-69	608.80	9-18-69
The Meadows.	38,862	8-2-69	1,891.60	7-29-69
Pocono Downs.	54,454	8-7-69	773.60	6-11-69
Mountain Laurel.	32,158	9-1-69	834.40	10-29-69

HIGH MARKS OF 1969-1968-1967-1966

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TRACK	HANDLE	DATE	PAY-OFF	DATE
Liberty Bell.	\$143,740	5-10-69	\$49,581.60	4-3-69
William Penn.	117,064	9-13-69	55,502.00	3-24-69
The Meadows.	60,272	8-9-69	50,025.60	8-9-69
Pocono Downs.	66,172	8-7-69	34,532.80	6-21-69
Mountain Laurel.	50,230	8-23-69	36,747.40	9-1-69

1969 - DAILY DOUBLE - 1969

TRACK	HANDLE	DATE	PAY OFF	DATE
Liberty Bell.	\$142,804	3-29-69	\$ 507.40	4-8-69
William Penn.	123,590	3-22-69	571.40	10-3-69
Pocono Downs	50,738	8-9-69	329.60	5-20-69
The Meadows	65,880	8-7-69	267.80	7-19-69
Mountain Laurel.	40,112	9-1-69	314.00	9-4-69

1968 - DAILY DOUBLE - 1968

TRACK	HANDLE	DATE	PAY OFF	DATE
Liberty Bell.	\$118,082	3-30-68	\$ 525.40	3-1-68
William Penn.	125,704	4-13-68	385.80	5-7-68
Pocono Downs.	78,310	9-7-68	343.60	8-8-68
The Meadows.	43,200	8-3-68	543.00	7-4-68

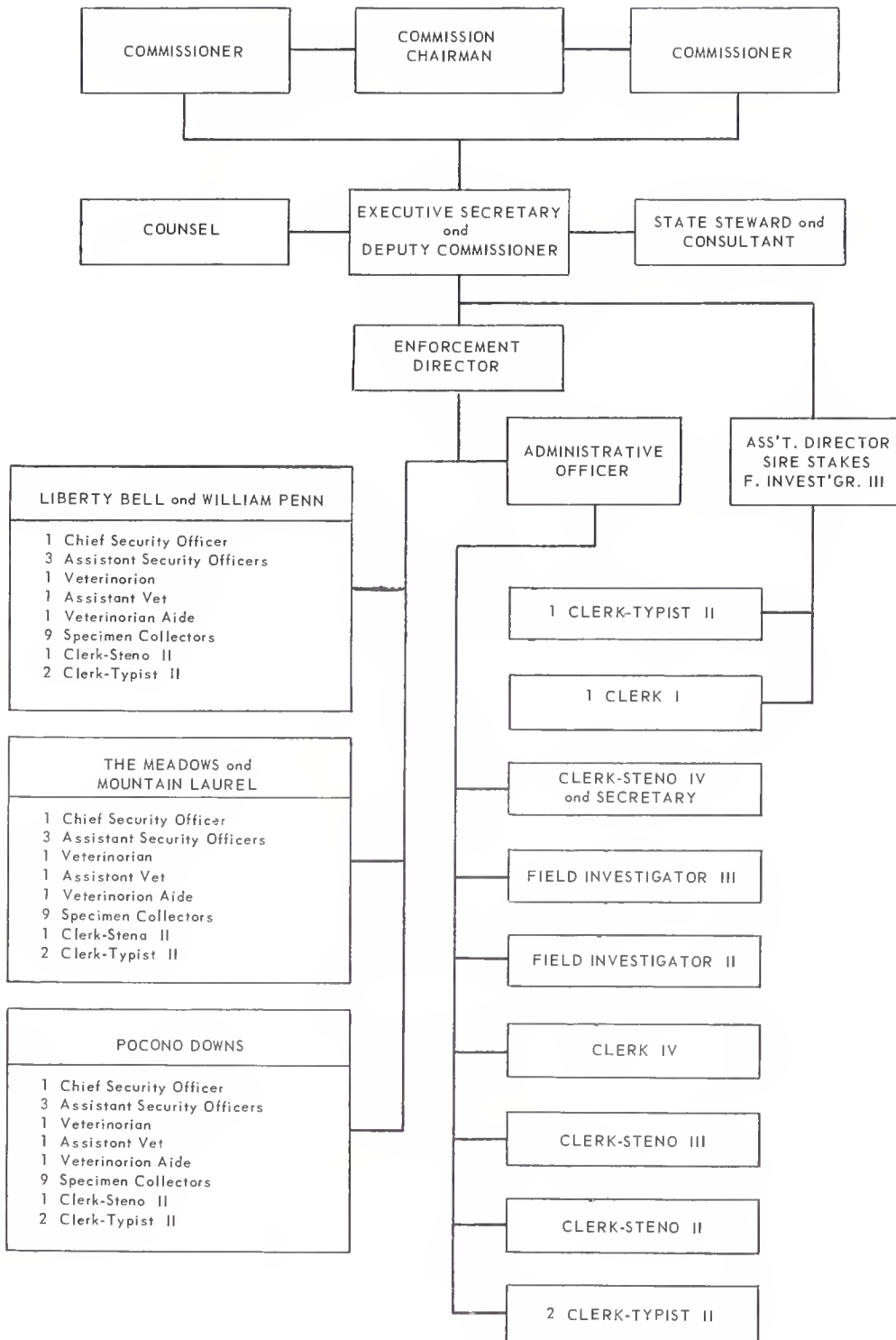
1967 - DAILY DOUBLE - 1967

TRACK	HANDLE	DATE	PAY OFF	DATE
Liberty Bell.	\$116,270	4-20-67	\$ 608.60	11-8-67
William Penn.	124,284	3-4-67	366.80	4-4-67
Pocono Downs.	90,934	9-4-67	497.00	8-21-67
The Meadows.	46,757	8-5-67	371.80	7-26-67

1966 - DAILY DOUBLE - 1966

TRACK	HANDLE	DATE	PAY OFF	DATE
Liberty Bell.	\$114,812	4-9-66	\$ 370.00	4-15-66
William Penn.	101,406	10-22-66	605.00	6-1-66
Pocono Downs.	91,908	9-10-66	1,050.40	9-1-66
The Meadows	56,710	8-13-66	361.60	7-7-66

Organizational Chart



In Retrospect

The racing season of 1969 was highlighted by the introduction of racing under the Sire Stakes Program. This program brought to the Commonwealth the top colts and aged horses of the nation. These races provide feature events for the patrons at each of our racing associations.

Both attendance and handle reached an all time high and provided funds for the various groups provided for in the law.

We again express thanks for assistance of the United States Trotting Association, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Records and Identification Division of Pennsylvania State Police, numerous other police departments, state and federal agencies.

Respectfully,

State Harness Racing Commission

M. A. Powers, Chairman
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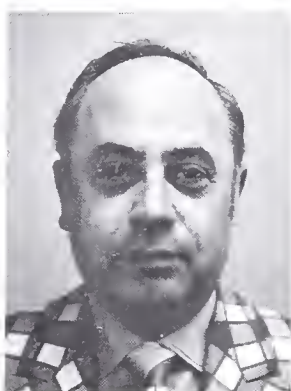
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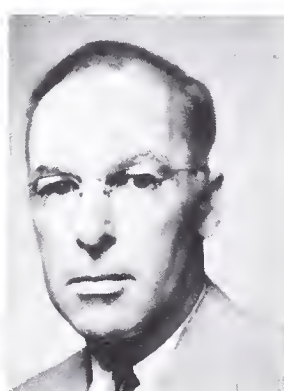
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